

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket No. D.T.E. 02-25
Responses to the Attorney General's First Set of Information Requests**

Request No. AG-1-59

Please itemize and quantify all environmental cleanup costs incurred by the Company during each of the years 2000 and 2001. Please also provide a complete accounting of each year's costs including an indication of the amounts of each activity's costs that are included in the Company's operations and maintenance expenses.

Response:

The Company is undertaking an asbestos cleanup operation at its Sawyer Passway property. Costs associated with this project are currently recorded in account 20-00-00-00-186-63-01 – Sawyer Passway Remediation. There was no activity in this account in 2000. In 2001, costs of \$94,242 were incurred and charged to this account as follows:

\$ 63 – Minuteman Press – copies of blueprints
\$ 100 – Brickley, Sears & Sorett – legal costs
\$94,079 – Sally & Fitch – legal costs
\$94,242

The Company is actively and aggressively seeking insurance reimbursement for the costs associated with this cleanup project.

The electric division cleanup costs included in the Company's operations and maintenance expenses in 2000 were \$4,129. These costs were associated with the cleanup and disposal of transfer oil, and costs associated with a Fitchburg Conservation Commission hearing.

The electric division cleanup costs included in the Company's operations and maintenance expenses in 2001 were \$9,871. These costs were associated with the cleanup and disposal of transfer oil, the disposal of miscellaneous industrial waste material, and the costs of inspections of hazardous materials stored at company facilities.

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